

THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #8 – JANUARY 2021

Please note that documents referenced in this bulletin; are all available on our [NHS Futures workspace](#)

NEWS FROM THE ALLIANCE

- We continue to work with all TVCA partners to **maintain the priority P1 and P2 cancer** treatments during the current covid peak. Nationally since March and October over 176,000 people started treatment for cancer, 95% of whom did so within 31 days. Within TVCA the secondary care forum are meeting weekly to review and support any mutual aid requests for diagnostics and treatment. A summary of the **TVCA prioritisation process** is attached for further information. We would like to extend thanks to you all for everything that is being done to maintain cancer services through this latest challenging period.
- CRUK are currently advertising for a [Health Professional Facilitator for Thames Valley Cancer Alliance](#). Closing date is Sunday 7, February.
- Our expressions of interest for a **Primary Care Clinical Lead for our Personalised Care programme** are also still open. All details are on the NHS Futures Workspace. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Sunday 24 January.
- East Berkshire CCG are launching a **new service to support cancer patients** from February 1, 2021. This is called the Cancer Support Network and has been established as a community project by Involve to reach out to people affected by cancer in the Bracknell Forest and Wokingham boroughs. Further information is on our [NHS Futures workspace](#) for your information.
- Our primary care clinical lead, Dr Anant Sachdev, has shared some [useful cancer information leaflets and resources](#) that Ringmead Medical practice have been sharing with their patients and wanted to extend the offer to other GP Practices to utilise this information. Please be aware that these are given to the patient directly *after* their vaccination, along with their vaccination certificate.

NEWS FROM THE SE REGION

- Please read the message on our [NHS Futures workspace](#) from our regional team, on **Increased flexibility to offer vaccinations to cohorts 3 and 4**.

OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- Clarification on the **Cancer Waiting Times Guidance** can be found in the PDF document on our [NHS Futures workspace](#).
- A communication from Amanda Pritchard, Chief Operating Officer of NHS England & NHS Improvement, Cally Palmer, National Cancer Director, and Peter Johnson, National Clinical Director for Cancer, on [maintaining urgent and essential cancer surgery](#) was shared with Regional Directors on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact [england.cancerpolicy@nhs.net](mailto:england.cancerpolicy@nhs.net) if you have any questions.
- The national team's **weekly core messages for cancer**, are on our [NHS Futures workspace](#).
- Gateway C will be holding a 30-minute webinar on **Covid-19 Vaccine for Cancer Patients** – Wednesday 27, January from 1pm-1.30pm. You can register here: <http://bit.ly/38pFF1G>
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** is on the NICE website on their Covid-19 pages: <https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19/specialty-guides>
- The Patient Experience Network (**PEN**) **National Awards** have opened for entries for 2021. There are 22 award categories available this year covering all aspects of patient experience.



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You can view these and [enter on their website](#). Deadline for submissions has been extended with a new date TBC.

- The Eve Appeal have launched a guide for patients with ovarian cancer on genetic testing called **Ask Eve: genetic testing in ovarian cancer**. The guide has been developed from the British Gynaecological Cancer Society's clinical guidelines and has been adapted for a patient perspective. It aims to explain gene alterations and genetic testing for ovarian cancer patients so that they have the information and support they need after their diagnosis. The guide is [on our workspace](#), or you can visit their website for more information: [eveappeal.org.uk/brcaguide](http://eveappeal.org.uk/brcaguide).

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